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what I believe is the amendment that applies this bill to the tech colleges. First, tech colleges are local institutions supported by property tax. They're not the same level of State institution for which this body is obligated and responsible. Secondly, they don't have the alumni usually to contribute on the two-for-one basis to support this kind of foundation. And third, I'm not sure that there are national scholars in such things as refrigeration, heating, and the vocational trades that are taught in technical colleges. It seems to me that what you're talking about here is an academic program and a teaching function that is outside the normal limits of academic transfers. If you can recall, in the role and mission for tech colleges, they have a very limited academic program to offer. I would hope that we would try 960 as a model; see it for its purposes and results and at that point, we can assess whether the program should be expanded to the tech colleges or not.

PRESIDENT: Senator...Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Wait a minute. Senator Beutler, do you have...do you want the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd just call the question, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Well...Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: (No response.)

PRESIDENT: Okay, the motion is to...adopt the Nichol amendment to LB 960. Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Am I closing?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Just, just a sentence in closing. I don't think this body means to infer that the people who attend community technical college are dummies. They appreciate